

government and that we have a right or we have a responsibility to support, but it was made by a director on the advice of other people in the department as well and that decision was made and as far as I am concerned, the decision stays with us because those offices are not going to be reopened. We are second guessing the director, the past director that had served in the body, that had served in charge of that administrative agency for four years. This bill will require 33 votes to do what the proponents of the bill want it to do. If this bill does not pass with the emergency clause, the employees will not be...or will be let go, the money won't be there for them. The money won't be there until 90 days after the close of the session because it won't have the E clause and it really won't do them much good and that's why I focused in on the final reading because I think this is a significant vote. Thirty-three votes are going to be required for LB 392 to be instituted. In summarization I'd like to say that these offices will not be reopened, that the reason that these offices were closed was because of the budget problem, a budget problem which exists at this time. It has not gone away and I feel that LB 392 should not be enacted. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Abboud. Before we proceed further I'd like to introduce guests of the Legislature in both balconies. We have approximately 200 Farm Bureau leaders from across the state and they are attending the Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation's Leadership Conference. Members of the Legislature, would you please welcome these folks to the body this morning. We appreciate your visiting us this morning. Senator Wesely is next, please. Oh, excuse me. Senator Hannibal is next.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I had a conversation with a freshman senator and I think it is important to understand, if you don't quite understand, I know I didn't when I was here my first year why you'd strike an enacting clause on Final Reading. And I explained to this person and for those who may not know, the only way you can debate a bill on Final Reading is to pull it back to Select File for purpose of a specific amendment and it may not mean that you want to actually strike the enacting clause. It is the only way, however, you can debate a bill so it is done as a method of talking about it and I assume what Senator Abboud's real goal will be is to not necessarily return it and strike the enacting clause, but rather, he will probably drop or withdraw his motion and hope that the bill does not receive enough votes on Final Reading as opposed to go through this, but this is the only way